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Tips for winter driving Shopping day!!!

August Thronsdon

With December upon us and the first snowfall already arrived, everybody knows that driving in the winter is totally different from driving in the summer. Here are a few things you need to be aware of:

***Watch out for black ice** - roads may look wet but are actually glazed with ice.

***Stay back a safe distance when following a snowplow** - your visibility is reduced when you are too close. Also allow plenty of room when passing a snowplow; never cut in front.

***Be extra careful on ramps, bridges, and over passes** - they always freeze first

and are more slick than the regular road.

***Be alert** - snowplows move much slower on the road than most other traffic, averaging 5-35 miles per hour. Also watch out for other drivers who may have less winter driving experience.

***Turn on your lights** - you will see and be seen on the road better.

***Do not travel beside snowplows** - larger drifts can make them move sideways.

***Don't speed** - make sure you're driving the speed limit or under to ensure your safety and the safety of others. Be safe!

Sierra Wegener

Black Friday was on Friday, November 26th, the day after Thanksgiving. Black Friday kicks off the start of the Christmas shopping season. Many people get up really early on Black Friday morning to stand in line for a few hours just to get great deals. Some will even camp out in front of the store the night before. This day is always one of the busiest days of the year for shopping and it has become a tradition, or holiday, since 1966.

Though Black Friday is meant for shopping and having fun, it sometimes has violence with it. This year during a Black Friday sale at a Toys 'R' Us store in Madison, Wisconsin, a woman was arrested for trying to cut in line and threatening to shoot anyone who wanted to stop her. There was also a lady who was arrested in In-

dianapolis, Indiana, because she caused a disturbance while arguing with other Wal-Mart customers. She was asked to leave but she refused. The shopping on Black Friday seems to be getting more violent and worse every year because the stores keep making the deals even more outrageous.

Now you can also shop online, so there is no need to go through the craziness of Black Friday. Besides the online deals on Black Friday, many stores have good online deals on Cyber Monday, the Monday after Thanksgiving, as well.

Whether you just go for fun or for great bargains, Black Friday shopping is the true start of the Christmas shopping season. "Black Friday shopping is hectic!!!" Seth Eischeid stated after experiencing Black Friday for the first time.

The turkey holiday

Clarissa Laubenthal

What was on your table for Thanksgiving? Turkey, ham, mashed potatoes, or sweet potatoes? How about cranberry sauce, corn, salads, pies, cookies, cakes, and other desserts? Mr. Bormann said, "I like turkey."

Thanksgiving is a day to spend time with friends and family. It is also to celebrate a good harvest and a good year to come. To most it is a day for eating, drinking, and watching football. For the original Thanksgiving members, it was different.

Thanksgiving all started in September 1620, when the forefathers came for Plymouth on the Mayflower. They were seeking religious freedom, new laws, and to start a new life in a new world.

The Mayflower held 102 passengers with its crew. It took them two months and six days to arrive at their destination.

In the winter, conditions were bad. They got scurvy or had outbreaks of other contagious diseases. They found the Native Americans. With the help of

some Native Americans, 51 were able to survive.

In November 1621, the pilgrims and the Native Americans gathered and gave thanks for their harvest and survival. At the feast, most researchers believe that deer, wild game, and grown vegetables were eaten, much like what people have for Thanksgiving feasts today.

In 1941, Thanksgiving was set for the fourth Thursday of November. The person who passed this bill was Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Today Thanksgiving is celebrated with parades, football, friends, and family. Cane Arrowood said, "Turkey and football, it's a man world."

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Nightmare comes to life

Chris Arend

Only the best of the best can make it to the top of the list on the U.S. Billboard 200 chart. Bands like Metallica, Disturbed, and Godsmack have all shared multiple albums to reach the top.

Finally, after five albums, Avenged Sevenfold can now add their name to the list of bands to have an album reach #1 on the Billboard 200 list. Their latest album, *Nightmare*, was released on July 27th, but was not put on the list until August 14th. *Nightmare* sold over 175,000 albums in its first week of sales and received the best rating of any album Avenged Sevenfold has ever put out. It was on top for a week, until it was replaced by the new Arcade Fire album *The Suburbs*.

Avenged Sevenfold drummer James "The Rev" Sullivan had been in the band since its creation, but a week before production on the album could begin, he was found dead inside his home after combined effects of alcohol, cocaine, and pain relievers. Production of the album crawled to a

dead stop, but then resumed one month after the death of "The Rev." "This album really shows how well the band stays together even through hard times; they truly are inspirational," freshman Derek Mawdsley stated.

The entire album, *Nightmare*, is dedicated to the memory of Sullivan, including changing the name of the last name of the album. As quoted by lead guitarist Synyster Gates, "The new album, *Nightmare*, is dedicated to 'The Rev's' memory and although it's not exactly a concept album, it does center around 'The Rev.' The eeriest thing about it is there is a song on the album called 'Fiction' (a nickname 'The Rev' gave himself) which started out with the title 'Death.' It was the last song 'The Rev' wrote for the album. When he handed it in, he said, 'That's it, that's the last song for this record.' And then, three days later, he died."

Avenged Sevenfold will never be the same without Sullivan, but recovery is in progress.



Pitchers

Karl Nicolaus

Whittemore's finest and only restaurant is Pitchers. Pitchers is located in downtown Whittemore, you can't miss it.

Pitchers offers a bar and grill atmosphere and a relaxing family section. Nightly specials are: all you can eat broasted chicken on Tuesdays, tacos on Wednesdays, BBQ ribs on Fridays, and delicious prime rib on Saturday nights.

Along with the main course meal, Pitchers offers a salad and dessert bar. "That place is delicious;

they should bring the curly fries back," says Nathan Simpson.

Lunch specials are also available Tuesday through Friday, along with the normal menu. The normal menu has many sandwich and dinner choices.

Pitchers has excellent hamburgers that are served with fries. If your stomach desires something more, maybe a ribeye, sirloin, or New York strip steak? They are all available at Pitchers in downtown Whittemore.

Lil Wayne

Janelle Wittenberg

Lil Wayne was born on September 27, 1982, in New Orleans. When Lil Wayne was younger, he grew up in one of the poorest areas around New Orleans.

Lil Wayne currently has four children and is married to a woman and they got married on Valentine's Day of 2004. They ended up getting divorced in 2006, even though he had a kid when he was fifteen with her.

After earning his GED, he got into the University of Houston in 2005 but dropped out in the same year.

In 1997, Lil Wayne joined the Hot Boys. He was

the youngest member at the time and they had two charting singles.

Lil Wayne had a debut solo album, *The Block is Hot* at age 17.

Lil Wayne has had a rough life and has been in trouble for drugs many times. On November 4th, he was released from jail after serving eight months for a gun possession charge that was from 2007.

Even though he has been to jail plenty of times, he still has many fans who support him no matter what.

Random acts of kind- Conferences!

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Connor Barber & Jenni Weaver

On Friday, November 19th, the AHS leadership class held a bake sale with the proceeds benefiting the Bowman-Hall family.

Students baked bars and cookies for the day. Some cookies were donated by the food and nutrition class, as well as cinnamon rolls from the cooks. "There were so many delicious items to choose from," stated Janelle Wittenberg.

The sale was open all day and treats were sold for \$1 a piece. By the end of the day, everything was sold and they received many donations.

The leadership class raised \$756.15, which was taken to the Iowa State bank

for the family. Carly Sansone said, "It made me feel good that we made a lot of money for the family."

The bake sale was a good opportunity to raise money for the Bowman-Hall family as they make it through this tough tragedy.

On the same day, the 10th annual stuff the trailer, took place in the Chrome parking lot. Their goal was to raise \$24,000 for the Kosuth County Food Pantry. People dropped off bags of food and donations all day. By the end of the day, the trailer was stuffed with 4,500 pounds of food and they received \$27,775.69 in donations, surpassing their goal.

Construction ahead

Cane Arrowood & Jeremy Black

One of this year's construction projects has been underway since early September. The crew this year is currently working on adding a new garage to Mr. Morgan's house.

It is a two stall garage with a breezeway to his home. Mr. Gerhardt's class is responsible for making this project happen.

So far, the crew has dug trenches, laid cement, built walls, and are on the process of shingling now.

Mr. Morgan said building the garage is a "Good opportunity for our students, and the timing was

good for the both of us." The class makes lots of progress daily.

With the Iowa winter on its way, Morgan expects progress to slow down. Morgan's final word on the project is it "looks great."



Above: Mr. Morgan's garage as of last week.

Jackie Hutchison

Algona High School had conferences on Tuesday, November 9, and Thursday, November 11, from 4:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Conferences are for students and their parents so the parents can see how their children are doing in school. The conferences took place in the teachers' rooms. About 200 parents came to their student's conferences this year.

For the parents and students who didn't come, they still get their report cards.

Some students helped hand out report cards when parents came in. The teachers really wanted to say thank you to all the students who helped with that.

During conferences they also had a junior parents sign-up for prom duties.

Automotive class

Logan Thill

The automotive class at AHS starts at 8 o'clock a.m. every school day. Students in auto spend three periods in class. The first period and a half is in the classroom and the other half of the time is spent out in the shop.

The class recently got an old Mercury Zephyr running that had set in a shed for a long time. The only real big problem with why the vehicle was not running was the gas tank and fuel lines were rusted and had to be

replaced. Once the lines and tank were replaced, the car started up just like it was new.

The automotive shop does all kinds of work and is looking for oil changes, tire rotations, leak detection, break inspection, etc. If your vehicle needs to be fixed, send it to the auto shop. If you have questions about what can be fixed in the auto shop, contact Mr. Klemm or any of the kids in auto class.



Above: The construction class working on Morgan's garage.

Bowling or not?

John Etler

It was a rough weekend in the state of Iowa for football. Both the Cyclones and the Hawkeyes were on the wrong side of the scoreboard when the final buzzer sounded.

Iowa State played what turned out to be their last game of the season in a loss to #15 Missouri. The final score in that game was 14-0. This loss will keep the Cyclones out of a bowl game this year due to not earning 6 wins this season. Iowa State ends their season with a record of 5-7.

The Hawkeyes also had a tough game this weekend. They played #9 Ohio State at home but came up short in the end. Ohio State scored in the 4th quarter to take the lead 20-17. Iowa then had a chance to score but gave the ball back to Ohio State. The Hawkeyes immediately stopped them and got the ball back with less than 30 seconds on the clock. The attempts came up short and Ohio State came out with a victory. This drops the Hawkeyes' record to 7-4.

Baller

Zach McKenna

Harrison Barnes is from Ames, Iowa. The hometown hero stands 6 feet, 8 inches and weighs in at 210 pounds.

In his high school career, he finished with a championship in the class 4A finals with 24 points and 8 rebounds, ending the season with a record of 26-0.

After that he was invited to play in the Boost Mobile Elite 24 Hoops Classic, Nike Hoop Summit, and the 2010 McDonalds All-American game where he led the West to a victory

of 107 to 104. After that he also played in the 2010 Jordan Brand Classic where he was the MVP. All of that was during his junior year of high school.

In Barnes' senior year, he led his team to a 27-0 season winning, second straight State title, which he had 19 points to finish off his final game. Barnes capped off his season with 1,787 points.

Going into college, Barnes probably had one of the hardest choices that any high school student would have to choose. Where should he go to school? His choices were Duke, Iowa State, Kansas, North Carolina, Oklahoma, and UCLA. He finally made his decision and chose North Carolina.

Harrison Barnes played an exhibition game in the Bahamas and scored 21 points and won 130-87. On November 1, Barnes was named pre-season All-American by the AP, which he is the first freshman ever to receive this honor.

State dance

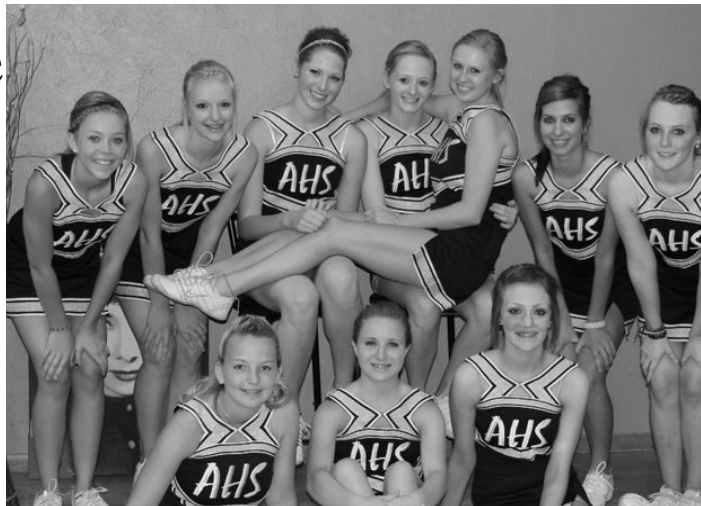
Katie Green

The AHS Diamond Dance Team is gearing up for the State competition in Des Moines. The competition is on Thursday and Friday, December 2nd and 3rd.

The team performs their Bollywood style kick routine to the song "Jai-Ho" on Thursday night at 7:06 p.m. They will perform their ninja style routine to the song "Hi-Yah" on Friday night at 6:54 p.m.

The AHS Dance Team performed at halftime of the girls' first basketball game on Tuesday, November 23, 2010. Senior Abby Foertsch comments on the dances, "I really liked the ninja theme they had going on. I thought they looked really good."

The team had their State dinner on Tuesday, November 30. The girls performed both routines for

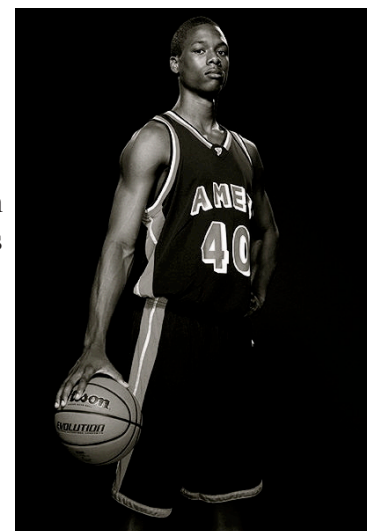


Above: The drill team poses for a picture.

parents and anyone who wanted to watch the girls dance. The dancers also performed for the student body Thursday morning.

As the final days before State approach, the girls practice longer and more often.

Right: Harrison Barnes



Algona High School Ballin'

Brittany Vaske

The Algona girls' basketball team opened up their season on Tuesday, November 23, with a home game against Forest City. The girls took the victory with a 46-36 win. Laura TerHark led the team with 19 points followed by Mackenzie Siefken and Brittany Vaske, both with eight points. Seven rebounds were pulled down by Brittany Vaske with Mackenzie Siefken having six rebounds. Paige Yi's hustle allowed her to have five steals.

The girls began their North Central Conference play with an intense game at Clear Lake on Tuesday, November 30. The basketball team ended up with the

victory after going into two overtimes! The score ended up being 62-59. Laura TerHark led in scoring with 18 points followed by Jade Simpson with 11, Brittany Vaske with 10, and Megan Gerhardt with 10 points also. Three of the team members all pulled down 10 rebounds; they include Laura TerHark, Brittany Vaske, and Mackenzie Siefken.

Next up for the Lady Bulldogs is a home game on Friday, December 3, against Iowa-Falls. Junior Varsity girls will play at 4:30 followed by Varsity at 6:15. Hope to see you in the Dawg Pound!

Hall of Pride Scrimmage

Mackenzie Siefken

The Bulldogs' girls' basketball team came together with another local team, West Hancock, for the first time in Algona history. They competed against each other in the Iowa Hall of Pride Challenge Saturday, November 20th.

This was the Algona girls' first outing on the basketball court. It was a scrimmage for the good of the cause.

The game started at 6:30 Saturday night and the Bulldogs fought for the win, but came up short. They lost the scrimmage after four quarters of play with the score 67-38.

The starting lineup for the Bulldogs was Paige Yi, Megan Gerhardt, Jade Simpson, Heather Ziesman, and Mackenzie Siefken.

The money that was raised from the game at the admission gate goes to the Kossuth County Crisis Center, and the money that was collected from the concession stand goes to Project ASC. Both teams brought a toy for Toys for Tots in their community. Lots of toys and lots of money was raised and brought smiles to a lot of families' faces this winter.

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Back to the mat

Abby Foertsch

The Algona Bulldog wrestling season has begun. The season started on November 15th. The year should be filled with lots of competition.

This year there are nine freshmen, seven sophomores, nine juniors, and one senior. When asked how it feels to be the only senior, Alex Wiseman said, "It feels special." Also asked what his expectations for the season were, Alex said, "To make it to State." Kory Kuecker and Weston Shaw have the same expectations.

The wrestlers put in lots of time. They work

every day after school and two times a week in the mornings.

This year the wrestling team will participate in duel and triangular meets. They will also have Saturday tournaments. The season runs from now until January 27th. After the 27th are Sectionals, Districts, and finally the State tournament.

The Bulldogs participated in their first meet on Thursday, December 2nd, at Iowa Falls. The year should be filled with lots of excitement.

Boys' basketball

John Krause & Shannon Koestler

Basketball season has started once again. Returning to coach the boys' Varsity team on to victory are Noel McLaughlin and assistant coach Jim McMahon.

The boys' basketball team had a scrimmage on Saturday, November 20th. They played West Hancock. They lost in a hard fought game, 47-42. This was a scrimmage, so it didn't count on the record, so it was a good first game.

The Bulldogs' only returning two letter winners from last year are Ryan and Michael McMahon.

This game was good for the team to see where they are coming into the season and what they have to work with. With the loss of 7 seniors from last year's team, they are lacking experience.

Ryan McMahon led the Dogs with 18 points.

In this game, everyone who suits varsity got to play since it wasn't counted on the record.

This game was for the Hall of Pride benefit scrimmage. Dylan Cink says, "I enjoyed helping out the community."

On Saturday, November 27th, they had another scrimmage against Garner. They then travelled to Fort Dodge for a jamboree, where they played Carroll Kuemper.

Their first regular season game was on Monday, November 29th. They traveled to Charles City High School and dominated, 71-57.

Their first home Conference game will be against Iowa Falls on December 3rd.

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Who is Sherry Jeseritz?

D.J. Throckmorton

Sherry Jeseritz, as you all may know, is a secretary here at AHS.

Sherry attended Dawson/Boyd High School, in Dawson, Minnesota. She graduated in 1973 with the largest graduating class, 104 students.

After high school, she attended Camby Area Vocational School and studied to be a dental assistant. After attending a year at Camby Area Vocational School, Sherry graduated in 1974 with a degree in Dental Assisting.

Sherry worked in a dental office in Minnesota. Then she had a home daycare service in her home in Marshall, Minnesota.

When she moved to Iowa, Sherry applied at O.B. Laing Middle School

Mr. Yi

Carly Sansone

Tong-Uk Yi has been an art teacher at Algona High School for a while now.

He graduated from Loras College with an art major and then graduated from the University of Iowa with a teaching degree. In college, Mr. Yi had one to two art classes and he and the other students had to finish one project outside of class every week. "This wasn't too hard for me because I was really interested in art." Tong-Uk feels like he has more art experience than other people would because he went to two different col-

leges. for a position as a part time secretary. Sherry later was transferred to the high school. Sherry says, "I enjoy coming to work every day."

She currently lives in Algona, Iowa, with her husband, Gary. Sherry has two children, son Jeremy and daughter Kelly. Jeremy lives in Estherville and manages three hog sites. Kelly just finished pastry school at Le Cordon Bleu in Minneapolis and is presently in Des Moines looking for a job.



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Tong-Uk has made a lot of different art pieces, but since he's been teaching, he only does about 4-6 projects a year. Mr. Yi's personal favorite art to do is painting, but he mostly does pencil drawings since it's easier. His most creative piece of art that he made is one of his abstracted paintings. Tong-Uk stated, "I like paintings that look like paintings not like drawings."

Mr. Yi also gives his art away for donations and sometimes sells his art. Some people look at Yi's art-

DJ mix masta Nick

Macie Foster

Nick Bitz is a 17-year-old junior with black hair and some red in front. He has his own disc jockeying business that he started at his seventh grade retreat.

Some of the places he has DJed for consist of CWL schools, Sentral schools, YMCA dances, school dances, weddings, etc. He prefers to do dances for teens and bars.

"I have about \$12,000 dollars of equipment, including my van." To get all of this equipment, Nick worked four minimum wage jobs. Bitz also uses

this equipment for running sound for the band "The Go Easy," which Kiefer Brandt is the lead singer of.

As long as this job is still profitable, he could see himself still doing this job in the future. "I'm booked the month of December." He is hoping that this pays his way through college.

If you ever want to get ahold of Nick for weddings, proms, homecoming, or anything that needs music, you can go to his website www.DjMixMastaNick.com or www.DjMixMasterNick.com



work and ask him to draw or paint pictures for them. He's always willing to help out.

Mr. Yi has been helping students with paintings, drawings, and clay projects since he has been at Algona. "It's sometimes tough helping students come up with their own original art piece, so I compare different art paintings or drawings to what they're interested in." He also shows the students examples of what they could do with their art.

Tong-Uk Yi has been an awesome teacher for Al-

gonia High School students. He knows how to do art well and help students who are struggling.

When Yi was in high school, he had no idea what he wanted to do for a job, but he's really happy that he chose art for his career.

